

II. DISCUSSION

Defendants Covert and Parra request an extension of 28-days within which to file a responsive pleading. (Doc. 50 at 3.) Defense counsel declares he received Parra's request for representation on January 21, 2025, and Covert's request on January 26, 2025. (Id. at 5, ¶ 2.) Counsel declares that due to the "press of business," he has been unable to prepare, file, and serve a responsive pleading. (Id., ¶ 3 [detailing multiple assignments and related filings].) Defense counsel filed the application ex parte because Plaintiff is a parolee and represents himself. (Id., ¶ 4.) Further, counsel does not believe Plaintiff would be prejudiced by the requested extension of time and Plaintiff advised counsel by telephone on March 2, 2025, that he did not oppose the extension. (Id.) Defendants Covert and Parra have not sought a previous extension of the filing deadline. (Id., ¶ 5.)

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Accordingly, and for good cause shown, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Defendants' request for an extension of time within which to file a responsive pleading (Doc. 50) is **GRANTED**; and
- Defendants Covert and Parra SHALL file a responsive pleading no later than April 1, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 10, 2025

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE